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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share the super outcomes of our recent OfSTED Inspection that took place earlier this month. For the first time in the history of Seathorne Primary School, we are a *GOOD* school. The school had been one of the longest serving on the county list of a "School Causing Concern", and we have been congratulated that we no longer have this status. With this brilliant news, you can be assured that the school is firmly on an upward trajectory and we are all committed to making the school *OUTSTANDING* by the time of our next inspection. There is no better time to be a part of this journey, and we thank you and your children for the support and faith you have put in us, in providing the best all-round education.

A full copy of the report is attached for your information, however there are a few parts of the report that we are especially proud of.

- Teaching over time and the use of assessment are good. Teachers and Teaching Assistants work well together and successfully meet the learning needs of pupils.
- Good relationships and a consistently implemented behaviour policy result in pupils behaving well and enjoying school.
- Pupils concentrate in class, work hard and enjoy learning. They are polite and well-mannered. Playtimes and assemblies are happy times and pupils behave well.
- The curriculum is effectively modified to meet the needs of all groups of pupils and the school is fully committed to providing equal opportunities for all. Not only those at risk of falling behind or those who have special educational needs or disability receive additional support for their learning but also the most able receive their fair share of additional sessions. Also, those at the early stages of learning English are enabled to quickly gain confidence in spoken and written English because of the good quality support they receive.
- Pupils are now expected to work much harder and they respond well to these higher expectations.
- More is done to stretch the most able, both in class lessons and in the regular additional sessions they receive. As a result, more pupils are making better than expected progress.
- Pupils now aim higher and are clearer about what they need to do to be successful learners. They work hard, listen carefully and concentrate in lessons.
- In the Early Years, children thoroughly enjoy school and develop positive attitudes to learning. They are proud of their work and keen to share it.

As the Headteacher of this amazing school, I would like to congratulate the staff and pupils for their perseverance and unswerving commitment to making Seathorne a *Good* school. I am extremely proud to have been part of this challenging journey and applaud all who have helped us to attain this formal recognition.

Kind regards

Mrs M Cherry

Head Teacher